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Reportable Conduct Scheme

 **Hon. TJ NICHOLLS** (Clayfield—LNP) (Minister for Health and Ambulance Services) (2.20 pm): I say to the member for Woodridge with respect to the outrage he has just displayed: Reportable Conduct Scheme. Where has he been since 2017? He sat around the cabinet table with all of the guilty party over there and did nothing with that report sitting there—all of them. The members for Miller, McConnel, Woodridge, Murrumba, Waterford and Bulimba all sat around the cabinet table—

Ms GRACE: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I take offence and ask that that be withdrawn.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER (Mr Krause): Minister for Health, the member for McConnel has taken offence.

Mr NICHOLLS: I withdraw. Let me say that the report—

Mr DICK: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I take personal offence at the words that were used against me as well, and I ask the minister to withdraw.

Mr NICHOLLS: I withdraw. The report with respect to the—

Mr BAILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I also take personal offence at the words used by the minister and ask that he withdraw.

Mr NICHOLLS: I withdraw against all of them. Let me save them all the time; it is nice and easy to do. There is a lot more to come. When it comes to the faux outrage expressed by that team over there with respect to what has been delivered after one year of the Crisafulli government, after a decade of decline under Labor, everyone will recognise the sheer histrionics and theatrics being expressed by those opposite. There is a total lack of genuineness in their outrage, because they had a decade to do something about it—a decade in which they wound back the laws that actually were protecting communities. It started in 2016 and they did it for a decade. They failed to take action that saw, as the report showed, at least five instances where Ashley Paul Griffith may have been detected if there had been a reportable conduct scheme, which those on that side failed to deliver. They did it when they watered down our tough laws in 2016 and they started changing it. They did it when they failed to support the police and failed to meet the requirements for recruitment and saw attrition rates increase. They certainly did it in health, where they failed to deliver for over a decade—a decade of decline.

I heard the member for Murrumba say that he has been out listening to Queenslanders. Was the member for Murrumba out listening to the Queenslanders in Hinchinbrook who voted for him in the overwhelming number of eight per cent?

Mr O'Connor: It was 8.3 per cent—come on!

Mr NICHOLLS: Yes, 8.3 per cent. We saw a 17 per cent swing to the new member for Hinchinbrook, and what a welcome addition he makes. Was the member for Murrumba listening to the people of Hinchinbrook? I think not. He went backwards—backwards by half. That is the outcome.

How has the LNP proceeded? We have proceeded to listen to the people of not just Hinchinbrook but also Queensland. We got the result we saw in Hinchinbrook because we have been listening and we have been delivering. We will continue to deliver. I am reminded of Labor's decade of decline each week in parliament when I refer to volume 1 of my handy book here, 'Labor's—

Opposition members interjected.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Order! Members to my left! I do not need your assistance in guiding what the Minister for Health is holding in his hand. Your comments are highly disorderly and I will ask for them to cease.

Mr NICHOLLS: The book I have in my hand is 'Labor's Hospital Failures', about which I have some glee in reminding those opposite. There is their failed capacity expansion program, mismanaged by two of Labor's health ministers. Despite not having a clue about what was going on, the member for Miller claims the project was—and I use his words—'planned as well as they possibly could be at the time'. Isn't that a damning indictment—'planned as well as they possibly could be at the time', despite costing millions more—

Mr BAILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. I take personal offence at the comments by the minister and I ask that he withdraw.

Mr NICHOLLS: They are the member's own words.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Minister, the member has taken offence.

Mr NICHOLLS: I withdraw. Labor's best possible planning, according to the member for Miller, was an undeliverable, underfunded program described by industry as 'blind optimism and unbridled enthusiasm' never amounting to a proper delivery strategy. It was also described by Infrastructure Australia as 'a mirage of media releases', over budget and undeliverable every step of the way.

That is not the first time that the member for Miller has got things wrong, because we know the member for Miller was out when it came to Cross River Rail—the project was out billions of dollars and five years delayed—and his election commitment for a mental health hub in Yeronga—

Mr BAILEY: Mr Deputy Speaker, I rise to a point of order. The minister persists with his sledges against me. I find them personally offensive, and I ask that he withdraw.

Mr DEPUTY SPEAKER: Thank you, member for Miller. It is not necessary for you to give any commentary other than to take personal offence. Minister, would you withdraw, please?

Mr NICHOLLS: I withdraw. The member for Miller's 2020 election commitment for a youth mental health hub was never delivered, and he now takes exception to the fact that we are delivering a mental health hub and posts about it.

I heard the member for Murrumba talk about a constituent. Well, a constituent wrote to me—not one of mine but a constituent of the member for Miller—and said: 'His response was to block me and remove my comments from his post. I also noticed he deleted the post from another commentator who was further explaining it.' Labor had a decade to do it. They failed every time, and the member for Miller is a prime example.